

March 12, 2020

Hello Siena families,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the changes in education over the next few weeks. Please know that we are answering questions in as timely of a manner as possible. We don't have all of the answers given the changing circumstances. More communication will continue to be sent.

Here is what we know:

- Parents/guardians/families can come to their school(s) from 2:30 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 OR from 7:30 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18 to clean out their lockers and retrieve all of the following. We need to expedite the time families are in buildings, so please work quickly.
- Medications (note: ONLY parents/guardians can be issued a child's medication)
- All personal belongings
- Books and educational resources
- Technology (grades 6-8 will be issued technology; a mandatory release form must be signed by a parent/guardian before a Chromebook will be issued).

Virtual instruction will begin on Thursday, March 20. Lessons will be posted by 4 p.m. the day before. Remote learning guides will be distributed shortly.

Siena will provide free, healthy grab and go meals that will be available for any Siena student at two sites. Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up at John Paul II Academy on Monday through Friday from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (2023 Northwestern Avenue) and St. Catherine's High School on Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. - 12 Noon (1200 Park Avenue). We sent out a google form regarding Siena grab-and-go meals. If you have not already done so, please fill out the form so that we can have the appropriate number of meals available. Meals will begin on Thursday, March 19.

Free grab and go meals will also be provided by RUSD to any child 18 years and younger Monday through Thursday from 9 - 10 a.m. while schools are closed. Families can drive up or walk up to pick up the meals. Children must be present. Each child will receive breakfast and a bag lunch. Meals will be available at the following locations:

- Fratt Elementary School, 3501 Kinzie Ave.
- Jerstad-Agerholm K-8 School, 3535 LaSalle St.
- Julian Thomas Elementary School, 930 Martin Luther King Dr.
- Knapp Elementary School, 2701 17th Street.
- SC Johnson Elementary School, 2420 Kentucky Street
- Schulte Elementary School, 8515 Westminster Drive
- Wadewitz Elementary School, 2700 Yout Street
- West Ridge Elementary School, 1347 S. Emmertsen Rd.

Spring Break: at this time, Spring Break will be moved to March 30 through April 3. We will maintain Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 as days off in observance of Holy Days (Good Friday, Easter Monday). The rationale for moving Spring Break dates is to provide for the potential of more face to face instruction and limit the amount of virtual learning.

















As we have witnessed over the past several days, it

is highly possible that the circumstances of this rapidly changing situation will change. Please understand that we will continue to adjust and communicate changes as needed. Please watch for additional updates via email.

Please continue to monitor your email and check out www.sienacatholicschools.org/coronavirus as well as the Siena Facebook account (https://www.facebook.com/SienaSchools/) for any additional information.

Blessings in Christ,

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